

PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERY

Seattle and Tacoma Now Lead in Industry.

Canadian Officials Claim Poaching of Dominion Fish.

A Vancouver, B. C., despatch says that the great Boston corporation, the New England Fish Company, with its Pacific center in Vancouver, has lost its monopoly of the halibut fishery on this coast, which it enjoyed for years. Seattle and Tacoma fishermen have taken it away, and according to Canadian officers of the preventive service the Americans have done the trick with Canadian fish.

Capt. Newcomb of the Dominion gunboat Kestrel, which patrols the fishery grounds, says it is conservatively estimated that 18,000 tons of halibut were caught on the halibut banks off the west coast of Vancouver island, of which 4000 tons went to the American company that is licensed to ship from this port to the Eastern States. The remainder was taken by Americans, and he claims that only 5000 tons were legitimately caught outside the three-mile limit, the rest being secured by poachers in Canadian waters. Newcomb says the poaching is done upon such a wholesale scale that it is impossible for a single gunboat to effectually protect Canadian waters or to make a seizure except by accident.

One of these accidents was the seizure of the schooner North, of Seattle, which was some time ago surprised within the three-mile limit with her dories out in prohibited waters. The North is to be converted by the marine department into an auxiliary to the Kestrel.

At present about a score of American schooners are strung along the west coast. All are willing to take chances of being captured by the Kestrel because the halibut banks afford so rich a harvest. It is said the Seattle owners have a regular system of signalling from vessel to vessel whereby they warn schooners of the approach of the Canadian boats.

THROUGH THE DORY.

Big Swordfish Drove His Sword Near to Fisherman.

Harold Webber and Harry Orr, of the crew of the fishing sch. Ella M. Doughty, which arrived at Boston yesterday, had an experience with a swordfish which they will not forget in a hurry. They had gone out in a dory after a big fish that the harpooner had speared. Several times it rose and dove madened by the pain of the spear, and at last turned toward the small boat containing the two men and made a rush for it.

There was a second of suspense, for the men knew that he would strike the little craft and that the sword would penetrate it. They were not disappointed, for the sharp point plunged right up through the bottom within a foot of where Orr sat at the oars. For a time it looked as though the monster fish would capsize the boat in his struggle to escape, but as it was, they were back on the schooner safe and sound in 20 minutes.

Vessel Sailed.

Sch. Paragon, halibuting.
Sch. Good Luck, seining.
Sch. Victor, seining.
Sch. Kentucky, seining.
Sch. Norma, seining.
Sch. Shenandoah, seining.
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, seining.
Sch. Lorna Doone, Georges, halibuting.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.
Sch. Almeida, swordfishing.
Sch. Emerald, swordfishing.
Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, salt banking.
Sch. Marsala, Georges.
Sch. Northern Eagle, seining.
Sch. Louise Polleys, Rips.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, shacking.
Sch. Manomet, seining.
Sch. Fannie A. Smith, shacking.
Sch. James S. Steele, shore.
Sch. Nokomis, swordfishing.
Sch. James R. Clark, Rips.
Sch. E. C. Hussey, Rips.
Sch. Lena and Maud, seining.
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 5 cts. for gray.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$3.75 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.12 1-2

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$2.00.

Salt pollock, \$1.25.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$3.50; medium do., \$2.50; snappers, \$1.62 1-2.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.25 for large, \$2.25 for medium, snappers \$1.50.

Fresh Old England hake, 50 cts. per bbl.

Salt Cape Shore mackerel, \$13 per bbl.

Salt large mackerel \$13 per bbl.

Salt medium mackerel \$11 per bbl.

Salt spike mackerel, \$5 per bbl.

Large fresh mackerel, 12 cts. each.

Medium fresh mackerel 3 cts. each.

Boston.

Sch. Flavilla, 14,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$5; cod, \$3.50; hake, \$1.50 to \$3.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan landed 65 swordfish at Portland yesterday.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins was at Portland yesterday.

Sch. Gardner W. Tarr, bound home from the Magdalen islands, was at Port Mulgrave July 4.

Mackerel Receipts.

Some of the traps up off Beverly are reported to have taken 110 barrels of spike mackerel yesterday and sold them for bait at \$2 per barrel.

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Quick Work.

Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Oscar Benson which arrived yesterday, made a quick trip, being gone but 13 days. She had a fine fare, 100,000 pounds of fresh cusk and 3000 pounds of halibut.

Bait at Monomoy.

Chester Eldredge wires the Times that there is plenty of porgy bait in the traps at Monomoy.

Caplin are plenty at St. Pierre, Miquelon.

Maiden Trip.

The handsome new schooner Esperanto, Capt. Charles M. Hart, will sail on her maiden trip, seining, tomorrow.

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HAULED CAPLIN.

And Now Cruiser Is Looking for American Salt Banker.

The St John's, N. F., Herald says:

"An American banker visited Port-au-Port last week and hauled caplin there to the shore, in disregard of the local regulation requiring such only to be done by "tucking" the nets about the boats. The fishery cruisers will deal with her if they come across her."

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ramona, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Cecil H. Low, [Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 1600 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Louise C. Gabriel, via Boston.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, via Boston.

Steamer Bryda F., Ipswich Bay, 40 bbls. shad.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., via Boston.

Sch. Juliette, shore.

Sloop W. H. Clements, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Baoaks, via Boston.

HAS FINE FARE.

Sch. Alert at Boston with 12,000 Very Large Mackerel.

Liverpool Harbor Reported To Be Full of Fish.

A special to the Times this afternoon, from T wharf, Boston, announces the arrival there of sch. Alert, Capt John F. Vautier, of this port, with a fine fare of 12,000 of the largest kind of fresh mackerel, which sold readily at 17 cents each. The fish are reported to have been taken in South Channel.

The Halifax Chronicle, in its Liverpool correspondence of July 5 says that the harbor continues to be full of mackerel and that \$7000 worth were shipped by rail and steamer last week to Boston. All the recent catches are being salted.